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In Reply Refer to: 1800B3-PPD

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In re: W266AL, Pensacola, FL File No. BALFT-20150511AAH Facility ID No. 150820

Interference Complaint

Dear Licensee:

This refers to interference complaints filed by Wolff Broadcasting Corporation (Wolff) on June 12, 2015.¹ The complaints allege that W266AL is interfering with the reception of WPPF, Repton, Alabama.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203, W266AL is required to eliminate any actual interference it causes. Therefore, it is necessary for W266AL to submit a detailed report on the complaint even if the complainant might have been addressed in a previous proceeding. For each complaint, the report must include: (1) the name and address of the complainant; (2) specific devices receiving the interference (i.e. type of device, manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number); and (3) any assistance provided by W266AL for each device allegedly receiving the interference and whether such interference persists. Each of the complaints must be addressed <u>individually</u>.

The Commission's Rules regarding FM translators restrict FM translator stations to operate strictly on a secondary basis and limit their service. Section 74.1203(a)(3) states that an FM translator station will not be permitted to continue to operate if it causes any actual radio signal interference to the direct reception by the public of the off-the-air signals of any authorized broadcast station.² Actual interference is based on listener complaints indicating that the signal they regularly receive is being impaired by the signal radiated by the FM translator station. Section 74.1203(b) states that if the interference cannot be properly eliminated by the application of suitable techniques, the operation of the

¹ Wolff filed a Petition to Deny (Petition) the application to assign the license of W266AL to Easy Media, Inc. *See* File No. BALFT-20150511AAH (Assignment Application). The Petition included actual interference complaints. *See* Petition at Exh. A. Although the Assignment Application was granted on December 5, 2016, the interference complaints must still be resolved. *See Letter to Dennis K. Kelly, Esq. from Peter H. Doyle, Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau* (dated Dec. 5, 2016).

 $^{^{2}}$ An FM translator station creating actual radio signal interference to any authorized broadcast station is obligated to eliminate the interference, regardless of the location where the impaired signal reception occurs.

offending FM translator station shall be suspended and shall not be resumed until the interference has been eliminated.

Within thirty days of this letter, W266AL must take appropriate actions required by the provisions of 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203 to resolve <u>all</u> complaints of interference to fulfill its obligations. Further action on this complaint will be withheld for a period of thirty days from the date of this letter to provide W266AL an opportunity to respond. Failure to correct <u>all</u> complaints within this time may require W266AL to suspend operation pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 74.1203.

Sincerely,

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James D. Bradshaw Deputy Chief Audio Division Media Bureau

Cc: Dennis J. Kelly (by email)